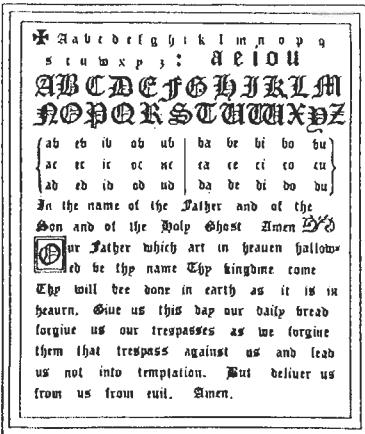


The Hornbook

Hornbooks were small wooden paddles with a sheet of paper glued to one side. Since paper was very expensive and scarce it needed to be protected. A very thin, see-through, piece of a cow's horn was placed over the paper to act as a laminate – that's how hornbooks got there name.

Hornbooks helped colonial children learn to read. First, they learned the ABC's. Next, they learned how letters sounded when they were paired together. Slowly, they learned to read real words. Colonial teachers thought it easier for students to learn to read something they said often, so the Lord's Prayer was printed at the bottom of the paper.

To the right is what a typical hornbook might have looked like in colonial times. Below is a hornbook for you to use. However, the text at the bottom is missing. Your assignment is to add the text – a song, poem, or book, you memorized before you learned to read.



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p q r s t u v w x y z: aeiou

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